IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Katsutomo Terashima et al

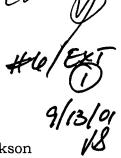
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For: EXCIMER LASER DEVICE AND

GAS FOR EXCIMER DEVICE





Examiner: C. Jackson

Group Art Unit: 2881

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

September 7, 2001

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § § 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official Action mailed May 8, 2001. The Official Action mailed May 8, 2001, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time extends the period of response to September 8, 2001.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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